

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER  
14 January 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Gattuso, Calcagno, Perry, Reda, Steker, Yurkovich, and President Pulia. Also present were Village Clerk Miller, Village Manager Matthys, and Attorney Durkin.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Smart Meter Roll-out Plan Presentation – Mike McMann/VP Automatic Meter Infrastructure Implementation (ComEd)

There are about 500 meters already installed in Westchester due to the pilot program. An additional 6500 meters will be installed in the next two months. ComEd will be in Westchester January 20<sup>th</sup> to begin installing one-third of the meters and will return the following week to do the rest. They will complete this by the beginning of February. The residents will get a call a week before to let them know the installer will be there the next week. The day of installation, the installer will speak with the resident if they are home about what is being done. When completed, the installer will hang a door card to let the resident know. The process will take about 10 minutes and in some circumstances the resident will lose power during that time. President Pulia asked if there will be a replacement for the older longer meters. Mr. McMann said that those would not be replaced at this time but will be within the next year. President Pulia asked if the web tool was available immediately to those who have the smart meter. Mr. McMann said on the ComEd website, you will be able to use the tool. President Pulia asked if there was an opt-out feature for consumers. Mr. McMann said those that opt-out typically do so for three reasons: Data privacy, data security, and radio frequency. Those consumers would be placed on a deferred list and there would be no charge right now. However, by the end of February there could be a \$25 a month charge to the consumer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

Steven Battersby would like to compliment Mr. Stoiser and the Public Works department on the snow removal in the village. Mr. Battersby also wanted to express his disappointment with the building department and the way they treated two new homeowners on his block. The first homeowner wanted to replace the garage on his property and there were many regulations that this homeowner had to go through. The second new homeowner wanted to install a fence on his property along the same lines as his neighbors but couldn't due to the vacated ally behind his property. Attorney Durkin suggested the residents present this to the Park District Board in order for a resolution since the Park District owns half of the vacated ally.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. Sunnyside Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project to be funded by the Water Pollution Control Loan Program of the IEPA

The Village is considering the receipt of a Loan from the IEPA that requires a public hearing to allow anyone to review the plan and to make comments to Mr. Gary Bingenheimer. Any comments should be submitted in writing and have to be received within 10 days of this hearing. Resident Bill Ostendorf commented this project sounds like it would be a great project. Public Hearing was closed at 7:45pm

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Reda made a motion seconded by Trustee Steker to approve Consent Agenda items; 7.A.-7.E. 7.A. (Approval of the Record of Bills ending 01-10-2014 in the amount not to exceed \$1,365,975.08), 7B. (Approval of the Monthly Department Reports for December 2014: Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department, Community Development), 7.C. (Approval of Minutes of the November 26, 2013 Village Board Meeting, Minutes of the November 26, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Minutes of the December 10, 2013 Village Board Meeting, and Minutes of the December 10, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting), 7.D. (Ordinance Amending Subsections (C) and (D) of Section 2.60.140, Entitled "Billing – Division of Village, Calendar Years and Users – Rates – Terms of Payment – Water Shut-off" of Chapter 2.60. Entitled, "Water Department" of Title 2, Entitled "Administration and Personnel" of the Westchester Municipal Code), 7.E. (Ordinance Waiving the Bidding and Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of LED Lighting Fixtures from GNP Energy). On the roll call vote, the motion for items 7.A through 7.E. passed (AYE 7).

**ACTIVE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Trustee Yurkovich and seconded by Trustee Reda to approve item 8.A. (Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the Village of Westchester and United Communications Systems, Incorporated). On the roll call vote, the motion passed (AYE 7)

President Pulia requests a complete review of all contracts the Village has on a spreadsheet. Ms. Matthys added that this spreadsheet has already been started by staff.

**MANGER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Matthys would like to send her condolences to the Villages' Finance Director/Maureen Potempo. Village Hall will be closed January 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Ms. Matthys would like to remind everyone that the voting age now allows 17 year olds to come to the Village Hall and register to vote. The Village will be hosting Basset classes on Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>. This allows certification of anyone who serves alcohol and classes are free. Reminder that Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> the Chamber will host a celebrate Westchester event at the Alpine House at 6:00pm.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

None.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perry/EDC – There was an EDC meeting yesterday morning that discussed the upcoming summit meeting and some of the beautification projects coming up.

Trustee Steker/ETSB – There was a Police and Fire Commission meeting last week that discussed the final list of candidates for the Firefighter positions. The Captain's test is being rescheduled, the Lieutenant's test is coming up, and the Sergeant's exam is being set up. ETSB will hopefully be gaining a new member soon. President Pulia introduced Jay Delacandro, who is a candidate for the vacant ETSB Board position and will be formally presented at the next meeting.

Trustee Reda/Senior Citizen Liaison – None.

Trustee Yurkovich/CAB – None.

Trustee Calcagno – The Environmental Sustainability Commission would like to host an informational seminar to talk about things residents can do to reduce the risk of flooding. The commission is considering two dates in April in order to get the word out to the residents in a timely manner.

Trustee Gattuso – None.

Chief Carpino – The annual report will be available at the next meeting. There was a roadside safety check on December 27<sup>th</sup>. The result of this was six citations issued for seatbelt violations, two citations for child safety seat violations, four suspended driver, one DUI arrest, six uninsured motor vehicles, two equipment violations, and three motor vehicles were seized. Safe speed has been in operation for over a month and in that time 1698 citations have been issued. Of those that have been issued, 1483 are still outstanding. There is a kiosk in the Village Hall lobby where you can scan your citation and are able to speak to a live person from Safe Speed. There is a Sergeant's exam tomorrow morning at 9 am. The license plate recognition software will be installed in the squad car within two weeks.

Chief Adams – The warming center is available 24 hours a day throughout the cold season. Check-in is at the Police Department. Chief Adams would like to remind residents to only use approved heating devices to heat your residences. Please check on your elderly neighbors to make sure they are okay. The heavy rescue squad was delivered at the end of December; it is now in St John receiving some final equipment installation and should be back within the next two weeks.

Maureen Potempo – First drafts of departmental budgets have been received. Meetings will be arranged with Department heads to review those budgets. Staff is working on a system clean up in preparation of the vehicle sticker renewals going out March 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Potempo and Ms. Matthys have met with a representative from Civic Systems to begin the system conversion which should go live May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Greg Hribal – The computer aided dispatch and records management system went live December 17<sup>th</sup>. Everything has been running smooth so far. Mr. Hribal has spoken with Lexus Nexus about a new accident reporting software. Mr. Hribal is in the beginning stages of discussing electronic ticketing options with Cook County.

Melissa Headley – Anna's Place has received their interior remodel permit. The crown signage for tower three for Folette has been approved. Mariano's applied for their public hearing today. In December, the community development department has issued 71 permits, 196 inspections, and accounted for about \$1.4million in construction value. President Pulia would like to request something that shows what commercial locations are vacant to benefit those wanting to purchase property in an accessible location on the Village website. Ms. Headley noted that there is a list on the website but it is not as easily accessible. Ms. Matthys suggested putting an icon on the homepage that can link directly to the list.

Dave Stoiser – In December, Public Works fixed two water main breaks. The Department resurrected the calcium chloride solution tanks that were out of service to pre-wet the salt to allow the department to use less salt while still being effective. A new dump truck should be arriving this Friday to allow the village to divide into four zones which will quicken the salting and snow removal process. Mr. Stoiser is hoping to have the street improvement project bid packages out by next week in order to have a bid opening February 4<sup>th</sup> and can be presented to the board on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk Miller - None

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am at the Westchester Community Church is the Chambers Networking breakfast. Ms. Matthys and President Pulia attended a forum from WCMC at the Hoffer House regarding Municipal Aggregation and some of the changes by ComEd. President Pulia would like to tell the Board that he and the Village Manager are attending these forums and will be passing along information as they receive it throughout this process. WCMC is looking for a count on their legislative breakfast. Please let Janet know if you are planning on attending. The Village of Hillside has invited the Board to an annual breakfast for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to be held at the Best Western Chicago-Hillside. President Pulia has received information from the Proviso Municipal League that a dinner has been confirmed for February 13<sup>th</sup> where the guest speaker will be Governor Quinn at the Best Western Chicago-Hillside. President Pulia has

written a letter to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources regarding the water line on Hickory Lane to declare this a Village main. Another letter has been written to Governor Quinn regarding the IEPA not giving the village funds for the flood of April 18<sup>th</sup>. A third letter was written to Ms. Preckwinkle and the Cook County Forest Preserve to declare the fountain a surplus property and given to the Village who has maintained it for 30 plus years. President Pulia has spoken with Com Ed to get half of the substation to be a green space. There have been conversations with both St Joe's and Proviso West High Schools for President Pulia to register 17 year old students to vote. A letter will be drafted explaining what the students will need. President Pulia would like the Board to consider some type of honorary sign for former Village President, Mr. Fred Wettinger, on a street of his choice. President Pulia would also like the Board to consider going to a calendar year budget instead of a fiscal year budget.

**ADJOURN:**

With no further business, Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calcagno to adjourn the meeting and the Board agreed (AYE 7). The meeting was adjourned at 8:43PM.

  
Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk